**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – BC Welfare Department – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam District (now retired as ABCWO) - Article of Charges – Orders – Issued.

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**BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (D) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.187** **Dated:07-11-2022.**

**Read the following:**

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.19/RE-ACB-VSK/2018-S-12/2019, dt.25.02.2022
2. G.O.Ms.No.57, BCW(D) Department, dt.07.11.2022.

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**ORDER:**

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government vide reference 2nd read above, under Sub-Clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam District (now retired as ABCWO), it is considered necessary to hold an inquiry against the said Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) is directed to submit his written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of the order.

4. Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified at Para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO (now retired as ABCWO) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G.JAYALAKSHMI**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, formerly HWO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam District (now retired as ABCWO) "through" the Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada. (with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledged served copy)

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti - Corruption Bureau, 2nd Floor, NTR Admn. Bhavan, P.N. Bus station, Vijayawada, Krishna District, A.P.
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[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.187, BCW(D) Dept., Dt:07.11.2022]

**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI M.RAGAVENDRA RAO, FORMERLY HWO, KOTABOMMALI, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED AS ABCWO):-**

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE: -**

That Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, HWO, Srikakulam constructed 4 storied building at Krishna Park, Srikakulam and 3 apartments at Vizag Bakkannapalem, Akkayyapalem and Gajuwaka and not informed the same through his APR's during his service and failed to get permission from the competent authority for acquiring the property .

Thus, the Retired Employee by his above mentioned act has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and has shown conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened 9 (1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

**G.JAYALAKSHMI**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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**ANNEXURE –II**

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGAVENDRA RAO, FORMERLY HWO, KOTABOMMALI, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED AS ABCWO):-**

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS FOR CHARGE NO.1:**

Sri K.P.Eswara Rao, A.Santilata, B.Mary of Janasena Political Party, Jagajjivan Bhavan, Sompeta, Srikakulam District submitted a petition to the Bureau alleging that Smt. K.Sridevi has been collecting bribe amounts from HWOs for deputations and transfers of HWOs and staff and misappropriating Government funds etc., by abusing her official position with the assistance of Sri B.Gopala Rao, HWO, K.V.Peta, Ranastalam Mandal, Srikakulam District and Sri G.A.S.N. Murthy, Superintendent, O/o DBCWO, Srikakulam. Further the petitioners also alleged that Sri M.Ragavendra Rao, HWO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam District acquired huge assets in his name and in the name of his family members at Krishna Park, Srikakulam, Bakkannapalem, Akkayyapalem and Gajuwaka of Visakhapatnam and requested action on the allegations of corruption and misappropriation of Govt. funds against Smt. K.Sridevi, District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam (Now working as B.C.Welfare Officer, Visakhapatnam Dist) and 3 others of B.C. Welfare Department, Srikakulam District.

On the aforesaid petition, Bureau conducted Regular Enquiry vide RE No. 19/RE-VSK/2018.

With regard to this allegation, regarding building at Krishna Park, the site is an ancient property from his forefather vide document No. 1372/1994 of SRO Srikakulam, and later the Retired Govt. Servant & his brothers constructed the house. The building was registered into the names of his brother vide document No. 4949 dated 24.11.2004. The SRO, Srikakulam furnished the certified copies of the said documents through his letter.

The Retired Govt. Servant purchased flat No.101 situated at Prahaladapuram, Visakhapatnam vide register document No. 295/2010 of SRO, Gopalapatnam; a flat in his name and his son M. Pavan Kumar on 21.02.2017 vide document No. 736/2017 of SRO, Madhurawada. The SRO's Gopalapatnam, Madhurawada furnished the certified copies of the said Documents Respectively.

With regard to the properties owned by the Retired Govt. Servant that whether he had obtained any prior permission from the competent authority to purchase the said properties and whether he informed the same in his APR's, a letter was addressed to the DBCWO, Srikakulam and accordingly got reply from the DBCWO, Srikakulam vide Lr.RC.No. /B2/BCW/2020 dated 18.09.2020 and in that reply it is stated that no prior permission was obtained by the Retired Employee to purchase the above properties and no APRs were filed by the Retired Employee from the year 2010 to 2017 and in the year 2018-19, he has furnished his APR's statement as Nil.

Hence, the charge against the Retired Govt. Servant that he constructed 4 storied building at Krishna Park, Srikakulam and 3 apartments at Vizag Bakkannapalem, Akkayyapalem and Gajuwaka and not informed the same through his APRs during his service is held substantiated.

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Thus, the Retired Government Servant, Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, S/o late Satyanarayna Murthy by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 9(1) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

**G.JAYALAKSHMI**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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## ANNEXURE-III

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGAVENDRA RAO, FORMERLY HWO, KOTABOMMALI, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED AS ABCWO) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:**

The following documentary evidence is available on record:

1) Lr.RC.No. /B2/BCW/2020 dated 18.09.2020 of D.B.C.W.O, Srikakulam.
2) Doc. No. 1372/1994 & 4949/2004 of SRO, Srikakulam furnished by the SRO, Srikakulam.
3) Doc. No. 295/2010 of SRO, Gopalapatnam, Doc No. 736/2017 of SRO, Madhurawada furnished by the SRO's concerned.

If any further evidence is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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## ANNEXURE-IV

**LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGAVENDRA RAO, FORMERLY HWO, KOTABOMMALI, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED AS ABCWO) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:**

The following oral evidence is available on record:

1) The DBCWO, Srikakulam.
   To speak about the submission of her reply vide Lr.R.C.No. /B2/BCW/2020 dated 18.09.2020 to ACB, Srikakualm etc, facts.
2. Sri. P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam Range.
3. Sri. K. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam Range

If any further evidence is required, he/she will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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